



2015! It's a brand new year! We all have the wonderful opportunity to make a fresh start. The foibles and pitfalls of 2014 are a thing of the past, and we will not let them ride our backs into this bright new year. In 2015, let's resolve to outdo our 2014 selves. Let's resolve to continue strong, active, achieving SADD chapters. Resolve to be seen and heard in your schools and communities. **Make sure no one in your school can say, "I don't know" when asked if your school has a SADD chapter.** Along with other resolutions you've already made for the new year, include some resolutions of recommitment to SADD and your SADD chapter. Here are a few you might want to include on your list.

- Work to make my SADD chapter more than just a club.
- Be actively involved in all SADD meetings.
- Come up with new ideas for projects and activities.
- Be a SADD role model at my school.
- Be tolerant of others and never pick on or intimidate others.
- Stand up for other students when they are being mistreated.
- Get at least one other student to join my SADD chapter.
- Promote SADD in my school, my community and to students from other schools.
- Support the State SADD Conference in November.

Be sure to write your resolutions down and sign them as a commitment to yourself. Refer to them often to help you stay on track with your new goals.

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## WE WELCOME OUR NEW CHAPTERS

SADD is growing by leaps and bounds in North Carolina, and we get excited every time a new school starts a chapter. The following chapters came into the SADD fold during the fall school term. They are listed by name of school or community organization, city, county and chapter advisor.

- **Westover High School**, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, Gary Womble
- **Granite Falls Middle School**, Granite Falls, Caldwell County, Ashley McCray
- **Heritage High School**, Wake Forest, Wake County, Kathleen Lyles
- **Girls for Empowerment**, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, Kim Wilson
- **North Iredell High School**, Olin, Iredell County, Reggie Allen
- **Sandy Grove Middle School**, Lumber Bridge, Hoke County, Felicia Ellis
- **Forestview High School**, Gastonia, Gaston County, Hayley Marr

We also give a big "WELCOME BACK!" shout out to schools that have reactivated their chapters after being dormant for a few years. Working together, we can carry out SADD's mission of empowering young people to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them in their daily lives.

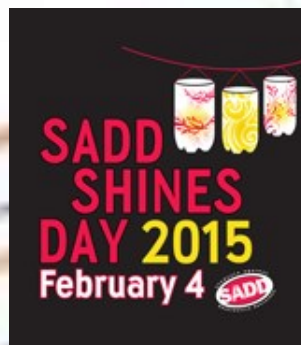


**Advisors Just Wanna Have Fun!**

**Reggie Allen**, new advisor at North Iredell High School, showed up as Captain Incredible at the SADD conference Super Heroes Dance. Our advisors are indeed **The Incredibles!**

## SADD SHINES DAY COMING SOON

SADD Shines Day, February 4, 2015, will be a day we celebrate all the ways SADD teens make a difference in our lives and for SADD chapters across the country to celebrate and shine together. The theme is "Youth Lighting the Way." On SADD Shines Day, chapters conduct a special



activity centered on a homemade lantern idea to illustrate how SADD youth show the way to make their schools and communities better places to live. Use your creativity to show ways that your chapter is lighting the way. Make sure you hold an event, make some cool lanterns and light them up, wear your SADD gear, celebrate what you do and take pictures to share with state and national SADD and your local media. We want to raise awareness of the power of positive peer engagement. It's our time to let our light SHINE!

*Photo, above right, shows a lantern made by Uwharrie Charter Academy for the 2014 SADD Shines Day.*



## REACHING BEYOND THE SCHOOL

West Iredell High School SADD is demonstrating the SADD Caring Triangle of school, home and community working together to help teens make better decisions about important issues in their lives. Katie Thompson, West Iredell SADD president and NC SADD Student Advisory Board member, is leading her chapter in planning a Parent's Night for March. Parents from throughout Iredell County will come to the school for presentations by young people who are living with the conse-





quences of destructive decisions. Katie says the primary goal of the event is to help parents learn how to keep their kids safe and help them make better choices. We wish West Iredell success with Parent's Night, and we look forward to learning more about the event.

### A BUSY WEEK AT MANTEO

During the week leading up to the Christmas school break, Manteo High School SADD provided opportunities for students to focus on highway safety and making good decisions; all while having fun. Each day had a different activity (see flyer below). This is a great idea to go on your calendars for 2015! Thanks for sharing, Officer McKay (Manteo SADD Advisor).



**SADD Club X-Mas Week Events**

Mon 12/15/13: Sign the Christmas Banner  
*...for candy!*

Tues 12/16/13: Free Throw Contest @ Aux. Gym  
*Wear beer goggles—Compete against a friend*

Wed 12/17/13: Make a Wish That Drugs Don't Exist  
*Wear beer goggles—Compete against a friend*

Thur 12/18/13: Blow Bubbles Not Smoke  
*Wear beer goggles—Compete against a friend*

Fri 12/19/13: Dare CASA Information Table  
*\*Wear tacky Christmas clothes\**

students against  
**SADD**  
destructive decisions

### CHAPTER REGISTRATION

There are still a number of chapters that have not updated their registrations for the 2014-15 school term. If you do not want to register and your information has not changed, just email the state coordinator at [hsoutherland@ncsadd.org](mailto:hsoutherland@ncsadd.org) that you want your registration updated and it will be done for you.

**Looking forward to an exciting year together!**

